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Man faces sex assault, trafficking charges

CRIME

Case also involves 3 teen girls and child pornography

A 44-year-old Halifax man is facing charges of human trafficking, sexual assault and child pornography in a case involving three girls ranging in age from 14 to 17.

Halifax police said Duncan Robertson Wright was arrested Thursday after an investigation began on Sunday into allegations that the man directed a 14-year-old, 16-year-old and 17-year-old girl for the purpose of prostitution.

Police say the accused faces multiple counts of sexual assault, making and distributing child porn and receiving a "material benefit from sexual services," among other charges including sexual interference, householder permitting sexual activity, invitation to sexual touching, trafficking of a person under the age of 18, and keeping a common bawdy house.

Wright appeared in court Thursday and was returned to



Duncan Robertson Wright appears in Halifax Provincial Court Thursday afternoon.

PATRICK FULGENCIO/FOR METRO

custody. He's scheduled to appear in court again on April 11.

The arrest comes almost a week after Owen Ross Gibson-Skeir was sentenced to seven years in prison for forcing a 14-year-old Halifax girl into

prostitution.

When he was charged, an investigator said it had been decades since such a young victim of prostitution had come forward to seek help from police.

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+ NEXT DATE

Duncan Robertson Wright is next expected to appear in court on April 11.

POLITICS

Liberals back away from doctor promise

Nova Scotia's Liberal government appears to be backing away from an election campaign promise to ensure every Nova Scotian has access to a family doctor.

Now into the fourth year of their mandate, the Liberals are now saying it will take another two or three years to fulfill that pledge, which will take them beyond the next election — expected later this year.

Health Minister Leo Glavine says the Nova Scotia Health Authority is developing 42 collaborative care clinics to get the

job done.

However, based on recruitment levels, reaching the government's goal will take more time.

The Liberal government promised during their 2013 election campaign that every Nova Scotian would have a doctor one year after they assumed power.

NDP Leader Gary Burrill says the government focused on merging the province's health districts into the Nova Scotia Health Authority rather than making good on their key election promise. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Halifax DIGEST

EDUCATION

Province takes aim at reducing student wait times

The Nova Scotia government says it is taking steps to reduce wait times for students needing psychological assessments.

The province says \$974,000 will be spent get more psychologists to address the needs of the more than 300 students on referral lists.

"We are cutting waits for this very important service," Education Minister Karen Casey said in a statement. "We are helping students who need it most." THE CANADIAN PRESS

BAY OF FUNDY

Tidal turbine to be removed for modifications

The owners of the demonstration tidal turbine in the Bay of Fundy says the massive device is coming out of the water later this month.

Cape Sharp Tidal says the turbine is working as expected, but modifications are needed for it and repairs and adjustments are needed for some of its monitoring equipment.

Cape Sharp Tidal says the first tidal window for the operation is April 15 to 20.

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NEWFOUNDLAND

Woman says she felt watched in camera-equipped rental unit

A young woman says she felt like she was being secretly watched when she discovered cameras in her bedroom, kitchen and living room, along with monitors and audio recording devices in the attic of the apartment she was renting in St. John's, N.L.

Rachel Tribble said she found four cameras in the unit on Freshwater Road in mid-February after determining that wall-mounted devices she thought were part of a security system were actually video cameras.

The 21-year-old philosophy student at Memorial University said she notified the property managers about the devices that looked like motion detectors, and they suggested she check the attic of the bungalow she was sharing with a friend.

Tribble said her boyfriend went into the attic, where he found a table with two monitors, speakers, an ethernet cable and wires labelled for specific rooms in the house. She said he called down to her, saying he was looking at a monitor showing her in the living room.

They searched the apartment and discovered cameras in the living room, bedrooms and

kitchen, along with another one in the attic.

"At first, I was a little embarrassed at the thought of people watching me day to day," she said in an interview Thursday. "Then I started to get angry and frustrated and I was shocked that this was happening."

Tribble reported the incident to police, who confirmed Thursday they are investigating. Const. Geoff Higdon of the Royal



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Rachel Tribble

Newfoundland Constabulary said he couldn't comment further on the matter, but he said police had seized cameras and equipment.

The company managing the unit said it was aware there was a closed-circuit security system that was no longer active and could not be accessed from outside the home. Metro Property

Management said in an emailed statement that it was not aware of any streaming video or recordings.

"The security system was used by the home owner for personal security while living in the home," the statement reads. "The homeowner is adamant that there is no external access outside of the home."

Tribble moved out of the apartment and appeared at a hearing Thursday in a bid to recover rent she had paid since Nov. 1, 2016, when she moved in. She said the \$1,050 monthly rent is not her main motivation in seeking the rebate.

"I just wanted more people to be aware of their rights in general," she said.

The provincial government later issued a statement saying Tribble is also seeking reimbursement for moving costs, compensation for a portion of the electricity bill over the duration of her tenancy and a refund of her security deposit.

A spokesman for Service Newfoundland and Labrador issued a statement saying an adjudicator will file a decision by the end of the month.



Marc Almon and his business partner Rob Power (not pictured) have big ideas for the WTCC space. PATRICK FULGENCIO/FOR METRO

Trading in for a new city arts hub

DEVELOPMENT

Plan underway to turn centre into creative, cultural space



Yvette d'Entremont
Metro | Halifax

A plan is in the works to turn the World Trade and Convention Centre (WTCC) into a cultural hub to service the region's creative industries.

The Nova Centre is expected to open at the end of this year, which will make the WTCC building redundant.

On Wednesday, Marc Almon and his business partner Rob Power announced plans for the creation of what they're calling Culture Link.

"We realized here was an opportunity to take a space that's not easily converted to other purposes and to use it to help address a number of issues when it comes to our cultural communities such as theatre and dance and music as well as film," said Almon, strategic director of the new organization.

"We have these really incredible communities that are thriving despite the fact that we're working with very modest resources, and we've had to cobble together these substandard spaces over the years for our purposes. I think the time has come for us to try to build a facility that I think would allow us to create better work."

Almon said in part, they want to convert the facility's grand ballroom into two components.

The first would be a 9,000 square foot multi-purpose studio for film, television, video game, animation and virtual reality projects. The second is a theatre with at least 250 seats and a 30 by 40 foot stage to support dance and music presentations as well as theatre and cinema screenings.

Other plans for the complex include the development of dance studios, rehearsal space and a digital media and creative industries incubator. The incubator would provide lower-cost office space, resources and mentorship opportunities.

"I really hope the incubator is an opportunity to support young creators, young filmmakers, people from diverse backgrounds," Almon said.

"We really need to do a better job of nurturing the next generation of storytellers in our community."

The province is investing \$58,000 into a feasibility study, while Armco Capital Inc. (the developer taking possession of the WTCC) has committed \$78,000.

Almon expects the study will be finished by July, with fundraising for the project set to begin afterwards.

"The fact that we have a private partner on board that is excited about this project and is willing to put some money into this I think speaks volumes," he said.

Culture Link would lease the facility from Armco Capital.

"I think one of the big problems is in the arts community we have not had an organization that has a dedicated executive bringing these resources together and having this vision to have creative spaces," Almon said.

"We need an organization that can be a partner with the cultural community, with private companies, and with government to identify these opportunities."

FILM FUND INFUSION

On Thursday, the provincial government announced an increase of \$6.9 million into the Nova Scotia Film and Television Production Incentive Fund budget.

Marc Almon, strategic director of Culture Link and former Screen Nova Scotia chairman, said his personal view is the cash infusion is welcome, provided the government continues regularly investing in the

fund.

"We have to keep in mind the way it was handled (cancelling the film tax credit) in 2015 was really disastrous. It was very bad for our industry," he said.

"But there was a genuine effort I think to avert total collapse of the industry, total disaster... This is the third time they've topped up the fund and to me that's a good thing."

Partial Street Closures Downtown Halifax Effective April 7 – 10

Granville – Fri., April 7 beginning at 7 a.m.

Barrington and Sackville – Sat., April 8 beginning at 5 a.m. Expect delays.

Street closures are required to accommodate the demolition of 1593 Barrington St. (former Discovery Centre site).

Work will be completed by Mon., April 10 at 7 p.m.

Details at halifax.ca/barrington

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The Africville Heritage Trust Museum is where the old church used to be and will host the Easter service. THE CANADIAN PRESS/FILE

Service for Easter back in Africville

RELIGION

Seaview United Baptist Church was torn down 50 years ago



Julianne Steeves
For Metro | Halifax

Fifty years ago, Africville's Seaview United Baptist Church was bulldozed. This Easter, the spirit of the church will live on in the first Africville Sunrise Easter Service since 1967.

Africville's Easter Sunrise Services stopped after residents were relocated and their community was torn down in 1967. The service will take place at the Africville Museum, the former

location of Seaview United Baptist Church, at 6 a.m. on Easter Sunday, April 16.

Rev. Dr. Rhonda Britton will be leading the service, followed by a worship service at Cornwallis Street Baptist Church at 10:45 a.m. A number of the people in Britton's congregation were once part of Seaview United Baptist Church.

"We're excited to be going to Africville," said Britton. "We think it's an important com-

memoration and we are pleased to unite with them for this."

Britton said they have considered having the service in Africville in the past but couldn't because there wasn't a building. Now, with the 2012 completion of the Africville Museum and some assistance from Nova Scotia's 150 Forward Fund, the commemorative Sunrise Service is becoming a reality.

She said people can expect singing, testimonials and scripture reading. People in Africville were spiritual, said Jaden Dixon, the executive director assistant of the Africville Museum. Dixon's father, Terry Dixon, lived in Africville until he was 13 years old.

"The church was the heart of the community," said Dixon. "It was not just where services were held but it was their recreational centre."



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Rev. Dr. Rhonda Britton

In Donald H. J. Clairmont's book *Africville: The Life and Death of a Canadian Black Community*, he writes that people came out from all over to Seaview's Sunrise Service.

"You get up on Easter morning at five o'clock and got to church there. You hear some of the loveliest things you ever wanted to hear, the spirituals," Clairmont quotes one Africville resident.

NSPCA

Fish seized from convicted animal abuser

No Gail, not even a fish. The Nova Scotia Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals is making sure Gail Benoit won't acquire or own any more pets for the next five years.

Enforcement officers from the NSPCA seized a fish Tuesday from a home where the convicted animal abuser is living in Dartmouth. Benoit was convicted in January of selling cats without a veterinarian's certificate of health and Judge Flora Buchan sentenced Benoit to a

year of probation and prohibited her from possessing any more animals for five years.

Buchan did allow Benoit to keep three pet dogs, providing microchips were implanted in the animals and they were examined by a veterinarian within 30 days and every year going forward. The judge's order also allows the SPCA to show up unannounced to inspect Benoit's residence for compliance.

This week someone called the SPCA to say Benoit had a fish at

her Dartmouth residence. JoAnne Landsburg, chief inspector for the NSPCA, says the officers did in fact find a large fish there on Tuesday. Landsburg says she believes it is an Oscar fish and that it was not living in a healthy environment. The officers seized the fish and have it in custody.

Benoit and her partner Dana Bailey were both found guilty in 2002 of animal cruelty involving three dogs in their care and were banned from owning animals for five years. TC MEDIA



This fish was seized from convicted animal abuser Gail Benoit. METRO STAFF

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'They're opening up their hearts'

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Community supporting new mom with terminal cancer



Grace Gormley
For Metro | Halifax

A Hammonds Plain woman with terminal cancer is "speechless" over the support her and her family have been receiving from the community.

Krista Giannoukakis, 26, was five and a half months pregnant with her second child when she was diagnosed with Stage 2 cervical cancer in December. Her first treatment began on Dec. 15, and Giannoukakis said she didn't have time to process what was happening.

"At first I was afraid I was having a miscarriage," she said during a phone interview Thursday.

An emergency C-section was scheduled in January and Giannoukakis gave birth to a healthy baby before she received some heartbreaking news. Her cancer had progressed and spread to her chest and was considered terminal.

A GoFundMe page was made by a relative to support her and her fiancé for travelling expenses to Halifax hospitals, medical bills and treatment costs. As of Thursday afternoon, they were only \$100 away from reaching the \$8,500 goal. About 130 people have donated money on the on-line fundraising website, leaving supportive, heartfelt messages. Many remained anonymous. Giannoukakis was overwhelmed that so many strangers "actually care" about her and her family.

"We're not related. They don't know me. But they're opening up their hearts," Giannoukakis said audibly fighting back tears.

For now, she said doctors are continuing her chemo to help prolong her life and are hoping for another year. Giannoukakis

hopes to raise awareness about cervical cancer and a fundraiser is scheduled this weekend to help raise more money to help her and her family with future costs.

"At the end of the day, I have to plan a funeral for myself," she said. Giannoukakis said her fiancé, who left his job to assist at home, will also need help and financial assistance with kids when he has to grieve.

A fundraiser has been planned for this Saturday at the Dooly's in Lower Sackville, from 6-10 p.m. A silent auction, 50/50 and more are planned for the event, with all proceeds going directly to Giannoukakis. The family is still looking for donations from local businesses.

+ DONATE

Where to go online

For anyone looking to donate, a Facebook page has been created called Fundraiser for Krista. The GoFundMe page is also available for those unable to attend, and is called Krista's Cancer Fight & BabyExpenses.

"At the end of the day, I have to plan a funeral for myself."

Krista Giannoukakis, 26



Krista Giannoukakis with her family while she was pregnant. CONTRIBUTED

POLICY

Corporate pilot program sees Sobeys donating surplus food

Feed Nova Scotia announced they are teaming up with Sobeys on a retail food program geared to help those in need. Sobeys' new corporate guidelines will allow surplus food close to or past its best before date (but still safe for consumption) to be donated and distributed safely to food banks, soup kitchens and shelters.

To ensure food safety, both parties are recognizing the important difference between best before dates and expiry dates.

No items past expiry dates will be donated.

"This is a big step for all of us," said Nick Jennery, executive director for Feed Nova Scotia in a release. "Sobeys has taken an extremely comprehensive and open approach in getting to this point, and we're excited by both the enthusiasm they've shown and the volume and variety of food we've been picking up daily since the pilot was introduced two weeks ago."

The program is currently being piloted at the Mumford Road Sobeys in Halifax and Aberdeen Mall Sobeys in New Glasgow, but Sobeys says it will be rolled out across Atlantic Canada within the next few months.

The location on Mumford Road has already donated 520 kilograms of frozen meat and fresh produce to Feed Nova Scotia in the first two weeks alone, an equivalent of 1,100 meals.

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EMERGENCY SERVICES

House damaged in 'serious' Fall River fire



Ben Macintosh
For Metro | Halifax

The Halifax fire department responded to a "serious" house fire in Fall River on Thursday to find the house fully engulfed in flames.

Halifax Regional Fire and Emergency responded to a call to 40 Sutherland Dr. at about noon that a house was on fire.

"They arrived to find the house fully engulfed in a ser-

ious fire," division chief David Meldrum said at the scene.

"Propane cylinders were venting propane, so they entered what we call a defensive position ... The propane tanks are safe and empty now."

Halifax spokesperson Brendan Elliott said firefighters heard popping coming from inside the house.

"We heard pops that could've been ammunition but we felt we didn't need to take any special precautions," said Elliott.



Fire fighters work on controlling hot spots at a fire in Fall River on Thursday. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Nobody was home at the time of the fire, and no injuries to the public or firefighters were

reported. Firefighters had not been able to enter the building, said Meldrum.



Scott Bosse, aka Contessa, is hosting The Cosmic Drag Queen Bingo on Friday night as part of the kick-off of the 26th annual Halifax Pride Festival. JEFF HARPER/METRO

5 Things to do in Halifax this weekend

From a DJ showdown to drag queen bingo and a commemoration of our part in the battle of Vimy Ridge, there's lots going on. **BEN MCINTOSH METRO**

1 Crucible sessions

What's better than one DJ? Five DJs at Menz & Mollyz bar Saturday night. They're hosting a DJ showdown with five DJs going head to head all night for the title of champion. At the end of the night, the winner will be picked by a hand-selected panel of judges to move on to the next event. The event goes from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m., and it's a 19+ event with a \$10 fee at the door.

2 Drag queen bingo

The only way to make cosmic bingo better is to have it hosted by drag queens. Cosmic bingo is back for another fabulous evening at the Halifax Forum from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Mayor Mike Savage will be present to call the first ball. It's a 19+ event, and costs \$15 or \$20 depending on how many cards you play. Proceeds will be shared with Feed Nova Scotia, and Scotiabank will match proceeds up to \$5,000.

3 NSABBA Provincial Championships

Ready to see Adonises and Aphrodites strut their stuff on stage? Come to the Spatz Theatre Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and see the 2017 Nova Scotia Amateur Body Building Association Provincial Championships. Winners will be able to compete in national competitions. Tickets for the morning show are \$35 for adults or \$20 for kids under 12. Evening tickets are \$45 for adults and \$25 for kids. They can be found online at: spatztheatre.tickethalifax.com/events/42422108/2017-nsabba-provincial-championships.

4 Bespoke wedding

Get hitched to the idea of spending your Sunday at the Bespoke Wedding Event. The event is for couples, people who are engaged, and all those who like marriage. Experienced wedding planners will be there along with wedding vendors. It goes from 1 p.m. on Sunday to 5 p.m. at the Halifax Marriott Harbourfront Hotel. Tickets are \$25 online at tickethalifax.com/events/40467591/bespoke-the-wedding-event or \$30 at the door.

5 Vimy Ridge Commemoration

The Army Museum of Halifax and Parks Canada will be holding an event on Sunday at the Halifax Citadel to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the battle of Vimy Ridge. Fought April 9-12, 1917, the battle of Vimy Ridge was the first time all four divisions of the Canadian Corps fought in battle together and is considered an important event in the development of a Canadian identity. On Sunday, visit the Citadel for an open house, tours, and a three-hundred foot reconstructed First World War trench exhibit.

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'People want hope'

Metro talks to David Miller on how cities can save the environment.



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It's easy to feel hopeless and overwhelmed by the environmental challenges our planet is facing.

From stopping climate change to protecting endangered species, the tasks are daunting. But that doesn't mean it's time to give up. Everyone has the power to make a difference — in many cases right in their own backyards.

It's one of the key messages David Miller, president and CEO of World Wildlife Fund Canada, spreads every chance he gets.

Because, as he puts, "people want hope."

"They really want to be part of something and know what they can do to make a change," he said. "There's an incredible thirst for this."

Miller dropped by Metro's offices to talk about the environmental threats we're facing and what can be done.

Trees

The urban canopy matters for biodiversity, animals, birds and people.

It's "extremely important" to provide shade and cool the "urban heat island" that is the concrete jungle.

"There is a beauty and a majesty in trees that speaks to your soul in an urban environment," Miller said.

What you can do:

People need to be inspired "to do their part," said Miller, and protecting and restoring the urban canopy needs to become a priority in cities across the country.

Think before you cut down a tree in your backyard and plant native trees on your own property where possible.

"When someone wants to cut down a tree in a neighbourhood and people come out en masse, that feeling needs to happen collectively," he said.

Wildlife

Miller warned of a "looming crisis in wildlife" that we're not paying attention to.

While we've been focused on climate change, two thirds of the world's population of wildlife could be gone by 2020 due to factors like deforestation.

"This is a really serious situa-



David Miller PHOTOS: EDUARDO LIMA/METRO

WALKING THE WALK

How Miller stays green



He doesn't drink bottled water and plants native species in his garden.



He uses Bullfrog Power electricity and gas at home, which uses methane gas from landfills.



He and his wife have sold their car and walk or take transit instead.



Miller tries to take the train when he can and avoids flying out of Billy Bishop Airport, which he called "a park masquerading as an airport."

tion and it hasn't gotten nearly the attention it deserves," he said.

What you can do:

Luckily, "nature has the capacity to rebuild if we let it," said Miller.

Globally, this might mean supporting conservation efforts for animals like the Siberian Tiger or the Snow Leopard.

But you can also make a difference in your own backyard or on your condo balcony.

Planting native species is one way to preserve biodiversity in an urban landscape.

WWF-Canada has programs such as In the Zone Gardens, to help with this.

"If you plant something that helps a relatively small species thrive in an urban area, you're

made a real difference," Miller said. "Not everything is a panda but they all matter."

Power of cities

Canadian cities have been leaders on climate change, Miller said, and "we shouldn't lose sight" of all the successes.

While provinces and the feds often talk to each other on climate change and other issues, "cities aren't seen as partners," Miller said.

What you can do:

Talk to your neighbours and take a community approach when it comes to gardening and planting native species.

"Act collectively," said Miller.

Volunteer with one of the many small NGOs that work to protect urban ecosystems.

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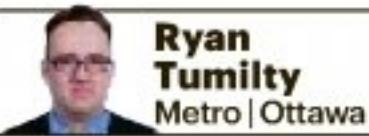
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Give the snoops the slip

How to protect your cellphone data on Parliament Hill



Ryan Tumilty
Metro | Ottawa

News Parliament Hill and other downtown areas have been the target of cellphone tracking technology should encourage people to use encrypted apps to keep their private information private, experts say.

The CBC reported this week the discovery of three IMSI catcher devices operating in the downtown area. The machines could potentially be used to intercept phone calls and texts.

The devices mimic cellphone towers and essentially fool mobile phones into connecting to them. Nathan Freitas, is the director of the Guardian Project, an initiative that offers open-source tools to protect privacy. He's also a fellow at the Berkman Center for Internet & Society at Harvard University. He said the catchers are fairly easy to acquire and can be used to listen to calls, read texts and implant malware on mobile phones.

"For \$2,000 anyone can get a laptop-sized device that is a



Parliament Hill and other downtown areas have been the target of cellphone tracking technology. CONTRIBUTED

cell tower that will operate as an actual cell tower," he said.

Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale said this week that the RCMP and CSIS confirmed to him that they were not using

the devices. He said the agencies are now investigating.

Freitas suggested that those who want to keep what's on their cellphones away from prying eyes and ears should con-

sider using encrypted messaging apps like Signal and the most recent version of WhatsApp, which he himself uses even for routine communications with his wife.

"Everything we say, whether it's shopping for milk or organizing date night, is encrypted," he said. "It's not about spycraft and secrecy, it's about making sure the conversation you and I are having is between you and I."

He said that, just as information on the internet became more secure over time, the security of mobile communications must tighten up.

"There was a time on the internet when we only encrypted credit cards, and now we encrypt everything," he said. "We need to do that for mobile phones as well."

The government has not issued any specific warnings or instructions to Hill staff, but Scott Bardsley, Goodale's press secretary, said confidential or secret information is not shared over phones.

"It's been publicly known before this incident that cellphones are not secure."

SENATE

Beyak says her removal 'a threat' to free speech

Sen. Lynn Beyak says her removal from the Senate's committee for indigenous people is "a threat to freedom of speech," and claims she is supported by a "silent majority" of Canadians.

The Conservative party leadership booted Beyak from the Senate Committee of Aboriginal Peoples on Wednesday, stating that her controversial speech last month about an "abundance of good" in the country's widely

maligned residential school system doesn't jibe with the Tory position. In a statement Thursday, Beyak bemoaned how it is becoming "difficult" to have a "balanced, truthful discussion" about all issues in Canada.

"Political correctness is stifling opinion and thoughtful conversation that we must be allowed to have if we are to truly improve our great country," the statement said. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Damage to irreplaceable ice cores a 'nightmare'



Alex Boyd
Metro | Edmonton

When glaciologist Martin Sharp walked into one of the freezers custom-built for the world's largest collection of Canadian ice cores, it felt like a steam room.

"I think every ice core facility on the planet has the same nightmare — that something like this will happen," he said.

Due to what university officials are calling a "freezer failure,"

the temperature inside the facility rocketed into the 40s on Sunday, up from the -30C or so required to keep the ancient ice cores frozen, Sharp said.

Now 12.8 per cent of the cores — some of which can't be replaced — have been damaged, less than three months after the University of Alberta took possession of the national collection.

"For this to happen so soon after we moved the ice in, it's a total shock," said Sharp, who is a professor in the department of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences.

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U.S. blasts Syria base with missiles

MILITARY

Assad condemns attack as an act of 'aggression'

The United States blasted a Syrian air base with a barrage of cruise missiles Thursday night in fiery retaliation for this week's gruesome chemical weapons attack against civilians. President Donald Trump cast the U.S. assault as vital to deter future use of poison gas and called on other nations to join in seeking "to end the slaughter and bloodshed in Syria."

It was the first direct American assault on the Syrian government and Trump's most dramatic military order since becoming president just over two months ago. The strikes also risk thrusting the U.S. deeper into an intractable conflict that his predecessor spent years trying to avoid.

Announcing the assault from his Florida resort, Trump said there was no doubt Syrian President Bashar Assad was responsible for the chemical attack, which he said employed banned gases and killed dozens.

"Assad choked out the lives of helpless men, women and children," Trumped declared.

The U.S. strikes — some 59 missiles launched from the USS Ross and USS Porter — hit the government-controlled Shayrat air base in central Syria, where U.S. officials say the Syrian military planes that dropped the chemicals had taken off. The U.S. missiles hit at 8:45 p.m. in Washington, 3:45 Friday morning in Syria. The missiles targeted the base's airstrips,



President Donald Trump speaks at Mar-a-Lago in Palm Beach, Florida, on Thursday, after the U.S. fired a barrage of cruise missiles into Syria Thursday night in retaliation for this week's gruesome chemical weapons attack against civilians. ALEX BRANDON/ASSOCIATED PRESS

hangars, control tower and ammunition areas, officials said.

Trump approved the strikes without approval from Congress or the backing of the United Nations. The White House said about two dozen lawmakers from both parties were briefed on the actions.

Syrian state TV reported a U.S. missile attack on a number of military targets and called the attack an "aggression."

The U.S. assault marked a striking reversal for Trump, who warned as a candidate against the U.S. being pulled into the Syrian civil war that began six

years ago. But the president appeared moved by the photos of children killed in the chemical attack, calling it a "disgrace to humanity" that crossed "a lot of lines."

Secretary of State Rex Tillerson, in Florida with Trump, said Moscow had failed in living up to a 2013 agreement that was intended to strip Syria of its chemical weapons stockpiles.

deliver on its end of the agreement," Tillerson said.

About 60 U.S. Tomahawk missiles, fired from warships in the Mediterranean Sea, targeted an air base in retaliation for the attack that America believes Syrian government aircraft launched with the nerve agent sarin mixed with chlorine gas. The president did not announce the attacks in advance, though he and other national security officials ratcheted up their warnings to the Syrian government throughout the day Thursday.

The strike came as Trump was

hosting Xi in meetings focused in part on another pressing U.S. security dilemma: North Korea's nuclear program. Trump's actions in Syria could signal to China that the new president isn't afraid of unilateral military steps, even if key nations like China are standing in the way.

"This clearly indicates the president is willing to take decisive action when called for," Tillerson said.

Trump has advocated greater counterterrorism co-operation with Russia, Assad's most powerful military backer.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

I think what happened in Syria is one of the truly egregious crimes and shouldn't have happened and it shouldn't be allowed to happen.

U.S. President Donald Trump

U.S. officials placed some of the blame on Russia, one of Syria's most important bene-

"Either Russia has been complicit or Russia has been simply incompetent in its ability to

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Trump's many tentacles

When he was elected president, we all knew his adult children were part of the deal.

ROSEMARY WESTWOOD
From the U.S.

When Donald Trump moved to the White House, everyone understood the entire adult Trump clan was moving in, too. The Trumps are conjoined like an octopus, with a patriarchal head and a slew of second-generation tentacles, the entire beast of which is pathologically hungry for money.

It was quaint of Trump, before he took office, to offer up a theatrical presentation of piles of papers and folders to convince Americans and the world that Trump's entire business would be legally excised from him during his presidency.

It was quaint, too, of Ivanka Trump to claim that, after modelling her entire life after her father's predilections and the enlargement of the Trump brand, she'd keep out of his business just as that business became taking on the most powerful position in the world. We knew both were lying, the way we know the sun will come up tomorrow. But now there's proof.

ProPublica revealed this week that Trump's trust documents have been amended to allow him to withdraw money from his businesses any time he likes, with no need to tell anyone. Trump's lawyer responded that Trump has never not been allowed to withdraw money, even though that stipulation was left out of a version of the trust widely scrutinized in late January. The full details of the trust are contained in a document that won't be released, ProPublica reported.

Oversight of Trump's fi-

nances, and therefore his conflicts of interest, remains paltry, given that he still hasn't released his tax returns. His bet that enough people wouldn't care whether he's seeking to enrich himself as president seems to continue to pay off, if only partly because the administration is engulfed in so many simultaneous controversies that this most basic one — who is he really working for? — has been obscured.

Ivanka, meanwhile, has decided to become an unpaid employee in the West Wing, an "assistant to the president," with an office and an amorphous goal to influence her father's agenda on "women's empowerment" (as she told CBS). She's going to exert her special powers on an administration hell-bent on destroying the planet, defunding Planned Parenthood, gutting health care, and, simultaneously, making the Trumps richer.

"If being complicit is wanting to be a force for good and to make a positive impact, then I'm complicit," she said, before admitting: "I don't know what it means to be complicit."

Quite. But complicit might as well be the name of our Trumpian octopus. Or, perhaps, nepotism. As Eric Trump pointed out helpfully this week, nepotism is a "factor of life." For evidence, see son-in-law Jared Kushner, "senior advisor to the president," whose foreign diplomacy efforts have sent him to Iraq and saddled him with a Middle East peace deal. Meanwhile, Trump's sons are busy expanding the hotel business domestically and abroad, for which U.S. taxpayers are forking over millions of dollars in secret service detail costs. When you get the one, you get them all.

FLORIDA

High stakes as Chinese president arrives

President Donald Trump welcomed Chinese President Xi Jinping to his Florida estate Thursday for a high-stakes summit, with the urgent threat of North Korea's nuclear ambitions and tensions over trade on the agenda for the first in-person meeting between the leaders of the world's two largest economies.

Xi and his wife were greeted by the president and first lady Melania Trump at the Mar-a-Lago estate before making their way to dinner. The White House said the



President Donald Trump shakes hands with Chinese President Xi Jinping during a dinner. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

location was selected to give the two days of discussions a more relaxed feel, but the meeting kicked off amid suggestions the Trump administration was considering military action against Syria as it deliberated on how to respond to a chemical attack.

Still, Trump appeared light-hearted as he greeted Xi, gesturing and pointing to journalists as they tussled to get a shot of the two leaders together for the first time. Speaking to reporters on Air Force One on his way

to the summit, Trump said he thinks China will "want to be stepping up" in trying to deter North Korea's nuclear ambitions.

While Trump would not say what he wants China to do specifically, he suggested there was a link between "terrible" trade agreements the U.S. has made with China and Pyongyang's provocations.

The president has said that if China doesn't exert more pressure on North Korea, the U.S. will act alone. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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ENERGY, FOR EVERYONE, FOREVER

Humans love heat. Humans love light. And clearly, the sun isn't enough for us. So what if we could just make another one — a miniature version of the star that powers all the life on Earth? It sounds crazy. But it's not science fiction. It's called the **International Thermonuclear Experimental Reactor (ITER)**, and it just might hold the cure for our energy woes.

THE PROJECT

ITER is under construction in the south of France. Once completed, optimistically around 2035, it will have two purposes: scientific research and acting as a test-run for the electricity plant of the future — fusion reactors.

Estimated price tag: **\$20 billion US**; the most expensive scientific instrument ever made. 35 countries are pitching in to the project, which has been plagued by budget problems and delays since its inception in the 1980s.

THE CHEMISTRY

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This produces one atom of **helium** and one neutral particle called a **neutron**, as well as a whole lot of energy in the form of heat.

The goal for the future would be an unplugged, self-sustaining version of the reactor. The only input needed

would be the hydrogen fuel, in two different forms: deuterium (plentiful in sea-water) and tritium (scarce but can be made from lithium, an abundant metal).

THE MACHINE



The ITER fusion reactor is called a **tokamak**. The actual reaction will take place within plasma that is suspended in the air in a donut shape by enormous, negatively-charged magnets. These would keep the negatively-charged helium ions inside, but allow the super-hot neutrons to escape through the machine's walls into water-filled cooling towers. In future fusion plants, this heated water will be used to power turbines and alternators, generating electricity the same way a coal plant does. Except fusion produces **four million times more energy than coal**.

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T. REX UNMASKED

A study of an exceptionally good fossil has revealed what the *Daspletosaurus horneri*, a close relative of the *Tyrannosaurus rex*, likely looked like up close. Her face was covered in crocodile-like scales, she had a small, fingernail-like horn above each eye, and she lacked lips.

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ENOUGH with the vaccination conversation

Why are measles and mumps back in Ontario? - Dean, Toronto
Much as I like to blame anti-vaxxers, sometimes these things just happen. Mumps was never eliminated in Canada, just drastically reduced. Measles was eradicated here in 1998, so all outbreaks since have started with a case from elsewhere. The Toronto case came from India.

And when measles arrives, no matter how well-vaccinated we are, a few people might get infected locally. The average measles patient exposes 12 to

18 other people, and there's always a chance one of them will be among the few who can't be vaccinated, or for whom the vaccine didn't work.

But that doesn't explain 137 measles cases in Canada in early 2015. Or 776 in Quebec in 2011. That's outrageous. It happened because we're under-vaccinated.

Again: Not entirely anti-vaxxers' fault. There's a vulnerable group of Canadian adults who never got a needed MMR booster because they were vaccinated when only one dose was

recommended. Some people's shots are out of date or incomplete because of frequent moves or poor record-keeping or laziness.

If we prioritize it as a community, we can reach people who aren't fully vaccinated. But I don't know what to do about people who *won't* get vaccinated.

It's not 1998 anymore. How many more public health campaigns do you need? Exactly zero anti-vax talking points hold up to scientific scrutiny. Even worse, research shows explaining to anti-

vaxxers why they're wrong tends to make them dig in their heels and listen to reason even less.

Underlying much anti-vaccine rhetoric is the idea that some vaccine-preventable diseases aren't serious (they are), or that getting them somehow builds character. That's not just incorrect, it's evil. Seriously, tell it to the 17 Romanian kids who've died of measles in the past year. Oh wait, you can't. They're dead.

Science Question?

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Smurfette faces existential crisis

IN FOCUS

This may be the most adult plotline in Smurf history

Richard Crouse

For Metro Canada



The all-animated *Smurfs: The Lost Village* aims to reintroduce the little blue creatures of Smurf Village to a new generation. It's the first time more than one female Smurf exists in the community.

Featuring the voices of Demi Lovato, Joe Manganiello and Michelle Rodriguez, it trades on its inherent cute factor and nostalgia for much of its appeal. There are some good messages for kids woven in and the animation is relentlessly adorable but is there anything here for anyone over the age of five?

In what may be the most adult plotline in Smurf history, it's a hero's journey, a character's search for purpose. It's Joseph Conrad via Smurf Village. Smurfette's *Heart of Darkness*.

As voiced by Lovato, Smurfette ponders her place in the world. All the other perky pint-sized blue creatures have descriptive names — Clumsy Smurf (Jack McBrayer), Jokey Smurf (Gabriel Iglesias) and Baker Smurf (Gordon Ramsey) — but what exactly, she wonders, is 'ette' supposed to mean?

Smurf aficionados will know she is the only female Smurf,

Voiced by Demi Lovato, Smurfette ponders her place in the world in *Smurfs: The Lost Village*. The new movie is the first time other female Smurfs are introduced.

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created by wizard Gargamel to sow the seeds of jealousy in Smurf Village. With the help of Papa Smurf she became a beacon of sweetness-and-light and the love interest of Smurfs everywhere.

That's quite a backstory and her quest for purpose is certainly noble, even if her beginnings weren't. The character was first introduced in Franco-Belgian comics magazine *Spirou* in 1966 as a marketing tool. According to writer Hal Erickson the comely Smurfette was created as a means to "bow to merchandising dictates" and "appeal to little girl toy consumers."

It worked and in the decades that followed Smurfette became

the most sought after toy from Smurf Village.

The Smurfs are big business, in addition to this weekend's big screen animated feature, the "three apples tall" characters have been translated into 30 languages (en français: Les Schtroumpfs, in Dutch: De Smurfen) to create an estimated worth of \$4 billion, but not

all Smurf related marketing has been successful.

Remember Smurf-Berry Crunch? At the height of 1980s Smurf mania Post Cereal released a sugary breakfast cereal they claimed tasted, "like crunchy Smurf Berries... In berry red and Smurfy blue." To ensure the Smurfiest experience possible Post added little

blue corn puff berries laden with food colouring to the mix.

Unfortunately the blue additives weren't easily digestible by the body, leading alarmed parents to report cases of blue and strange coloured poop after breakfast time. According to poopreport.com, "when metabolized in sufficient quantity, the blue dye combines with bile, to form a rainbow effect at potty time. The problem was fixed with the release of Smurf Magic Berries, which contained smurfberries made of yellow corn puffs and marshmallows.

For Jack Black Smurf-Berry Crunch also brings back some bad memories. The Kung Fu Panda actor remembers his

second professional gig, a breakfast food commercial. "Being in a Smurf-Berry Crunch cereal ad and being pulled along in a red wagon..." he says, too humiliated to finish the sentence. "My stock plummeted at school."

I was a bit too cynical to buy into the North American Smurf craze of the 1980s — they were so popular one writer called them "kiddie cocaine" — but now in 2017 I see them as something other than an hour-and-a-half advertisement for Smurfs Are Us.

The new incarnation is a sweet kids movie designed for little ones but with just enough grown-up material to keep parents interested.



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DRAMA

10-year-old leading lady is a gift that keeps giving: Evans

Chris Evans glows around his new leading lady, who makes no secret of her excitement at hanging out with Captain America.

She gushingly talks up his talents ("He can tap dance!"), yet is just as quick to keep him honest when he says something questionable. She also travels with a selection of stuffed animals, including a plush seal in a pink dress.

Evans' latest co-star is 10-year-old actress Mckenna Grace. They star together in *Gifted*, a family drama about a single guy raising his math-prodigy niece, deter-

mined not to let her brilliance interfere with her childhood.

Though Evans is an uncle in real life (his eldest sister has three kids), he says he bonded in a different way with Mckenna: as colleagues. Evans and *Gifted* director Marc Webb saw dozens of girls read for the role, and Mckenna stood out with her child-like charm yet old-soul maturity.

"She might as well have an apartment," he said. "I'm telling you, I've met lesser pros in adults."

The 10-year-old actress — also a regular on TV's *Designated*

Survivor — is the kind of professional who asks if she can bring her stuffed seal along while promoting her new film. She also has a plush cat with her at this interview, noting she's allergic to real cats. Mckenna says she isn't a math whiz like her character in *Gifted*. Instead, she feels like she's gifted with a great family and amazing lifestyle.

"This experience is so wonderful and it makes me so thankful for my life. I'm gifted that I have my family here to support me and that I'm here right now with Chris," she said, adding, "Well,

every job could be my last, you know?"

As for Evans' gifts? Mckenna's got that covered, too. "He has lots of secret talents," she said. "He can tap dance! Though he still has not tap danced for me."

Evans sheepishly admits that yes, he does tap dance.

"He can sing and he can tap dance," Mckenna declared, putting a point on the subject like a manager might.

The two did a lot of singing on set between takes, she said — mostly 1990s pop-rock.

"Her dad grew up listening

to the Presidents of the United States of America, a band back in the '90s," Evans said, "so we would sing Peaches a lot, which was one of their better songs."

Looking at Mckenna warmly, he added: "She couldn't actually hear all of their songs because some of their songs have bad words."

Mckenna said she and her dad also love watching Marvel movies together, so she already knew about Captain America before working with Evans. "He's so much more than Captain America," she said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Mckenna Grace and Chris Evans in *Gifted*. HANDOUT

Steve Gow
For Metro Canada



Female pro-wrestling has come a long way since it was a gimmicky '90s novelty that featured women in bikinis whacking each other in pillow-fight matches.

With a recent metamorphosis in philosophy and intent, the sport has been improving the image of female wrestling with less-sexualized stunts and higher profiles. Now, it's even getting a modern makeover in pop culture.

In February, Dwayne Johnson announced he's producing a biopic about WWE superstar Paige while Orange Is the New Black creator Jenji Kohan debuts a hotly-anticipated women wrestling Netflix series called *Glow* in June.

First however, the comedy *Chokeslam* is about to enter the ring, hitting theatres across Canada this weekend as it gets its wide release.

"Something so mainstream like a movie is huge because it's going to put eyes on an industry that a lot of people didn't know about," said B.C.-born pro-wrestler Chelsea Green, who plays a small role in the film. "It's awesome to see everybody start to turn

Wrestling with the brave new women's world

Chokeslam is first into the ring as female side of the sport finds a new, modern moment in the spotlight



Amanda Crew as Sheena DeWilde in *Chokeslam*, which debuted at October's Calgary International Film Festival. CONTRIBUTED

and become women wrestling fans rather than see women as kind of side pieces."

In *Chokeslam*, helmed by Calgary director Robert Cuffley, female wrestling certainly isn't treated as a "side piece."

The story is about a waning

wrestling star (played by Amanda Crew) reuniting with an unlikely high school sweetheart. The film doesn't just paint the pugilist in a positive light, it aims to dodge the gimmickry that has previously saddled the female fight game.

"They did a good job when they wrote the character of not doing that," admitted Crew. Not a lifelong wrestling fan herself, the 30-year-old star of HBO's *Silicon Valley* researched the role and uncovered that life beyond the mat

deserves a respect equal to any vocation.

"The wrestling industry is not a cushy experience," said Crew, who also had WWE icon Mick Foley (another pro playing a smaller role), to lean on for real-life insight into the

sport. "It reminds me a lot of acting careers — just keep your eye on the prize. It's a lot of grind with not a lot of payback but you do it because you love it."



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Amanda Crew

Crew also discovered training for the sport was a "transformative experience." Contrary to many stereotypes, wrestling is slowly becoming recognized as an empowering role for women — even in spite of the skimpy costumes.

"By the time I was in that ring in that outfit, I was surprised at how I wasn't insecure at all," admitted Crew, who spent many hours training for the movie which was shot in Lumsden and Regina, Sask. in late 2015.

"I was proud of myself, proud of my body, of what I could do and I felt the most empowered I've ever felt."

INTERVIEW

The inspirations that shaped David Lynch's intense artistry

When the reboot of *Twin Peaks* premieres on Showtime next month, it will mark a quarter of a century since David Lynch became a household name.

Sure, the talented creator behind the hit series had already established himself with such art-house hits as *Eraserhead* and *Blue Velvet* but *Peaks* exposed a mainstream audience to the surrealist genius.

"Sometimes you forget what a master he is," said filmmaker Jon Nguyen. "I think it's both the gift that he was born with and the nurturing that he received."

And Nguyen should know. After spending three years hanging around Lynch at his Hollywood home, Nguyen has deconstructed the director in *David Lynch: The Art Life* — a new documentary that aims to enlighten audiences to the influences that shaped the auteur.

"A lot of people go 'you don't really talk about his movies in the film,'" said Nguyen. "But what they don't understand was our goal, the whole time, was to talk about his films — just in a more obtuse way."

Indeed, the doc certainly isn't a standard hagiography



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Jon Nguyen

nor does it even spotlight memorable scenes from Lynch's films.

Rather it's an intimate investigation of the mind behind an incredible 40-year expanse of work of which we can only begin to highlight:

Eraserhead

"*Eraserhead* represents his early artistic days — a period when he was still struggling and kind of forming who he was," said Nguyen of Lynch's 1977 dystopian debut.

The drama about a man struggling to care for a hideously deformed child stirred up the admiration of the likes of Stanley Kubrick (who borrowed elements for *The Shining*) and iconic Canadian auteur David Cronenberg.

Twin Peaks

The timing couldn't be more

perfect for a reboot of Lynch's TV tale about the small-town murder of Laura Palmer.

After all, 25 years after its cancellation, the series is praised for shaping television today.

Film critic Matt Zoller Seitz even insists that "everything from *The Sopranos* to *American Horror Story* owes it a debt."

Mulholland Drive

"I just watched *Mulholland Drive* last week and was floored once again by how wonderful that film was," insisted Nguyen, clearly not alone in his admiration for the neo-noir classic.

A recent BBC Poll of global critics named the twisted 2001 tale about a woman struck with amnesia the "best film of the 21st century."

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S-Town, the new blockbuster podcast from the team behind Serial, begins with the spectre of murder.

From the first twang of main subject John B. McLemore's Alabama accent — "Some'ns happ'ned!" — the listener might be inclined to dub S-Town a kind of Serial: Deep South.

The podcast, narrated by longtime This American Life producer Brian Reed, was inspired by an email sent by ancient-clock restorer John B. McLemore from Woodstock, Alabama. Woodstock is an unassuming small town outside of Birmingham in Bibb County, but McLemore prefers to call it "S-t Town," hence the podcast title.

Here are seven reasons to listen to the new seven-part podcast, which has already been downloaded more than 16 million times since March 28, faster than any podcast ever.

1. John B. McLemore's brilliant rants

"I've about had enough of S-t Town and the things that goes on," he tells Reed in episode one. And he's just getting started. Much of S-Town is made up of phone calls where McLemore goes off on fascinating tangents about climate change, Daffur, acid reflux, Facebook and his S-t Town.

2. To gape at the crudeness of Trump's America

McLemore writes to Reed to decry murder, child molestation and police corruption in Woodstock and requesting the investigative rigour of the This American Life team. When Reed visits the backroom of a local tattoo parlour to investigate a murder, the town's prejudice is as enlightening as it is disturbing.

3. You'll learn more than you thought you wanted to about horology

That's the study of time and clock-making — McLemore's trade. The podcast opens with a description of a horologist's maze-like task of fixing a broken ancient clock. The intricate machines become a metaphor for life through McLemore's eyes. At one point, he quotes from a sundial inscription: "Life is tedious and brief."

4. You'd spend time on John B.'s property too

7 good reasons to listen to S-Town

The twisty-turny podcast from the producers of Serial is hard to define



S-Town is hosted by Brian Reed (inset with headphones), who's been working on this story for more than three years. INSTAGRAM

When Reed makes his way to S-t Town and gets to know McLemore, he learns the man is in his late forties and lives with his elderly mother on a 128-acre property, where he takes in stray dogs and prunes an elaborate hedge maze, when he's not fixing clocks or obsessively researching climate change. After finishing S-Town, you'll want to give the maze a go.

5. It's a murder mystery

McLemore had heard that a kid ended up dead in a fight and that someone has been going around Woodstock bragging about the murder. That's just the spark that sets off the greater story that's difficult to define and becomes much more than a southern whodunit.

6. It's a treasure hunt

When a central character brags of being "unbanked," you'll wonder if you should start converting all your assets into gold and wrap it up in a towel in the freezer before cutting out the gold-diggers in your life.

7. S-Town is not what you think it is

It's not really a true-crime podcast, though it mimics much of Serial's twisty-turny structure. But it's still a riveting investigation, if not

as deeply into murder as it first appears, then into the life of one Alabama man. At times S-Town goes so deep that some have accused

Reed and his team of invasiveness. If they go too far, it's because there's a lot to mine from a man as fascinating as McLemore, the self-proclaimed black sheep in the community that he so despises but won't leave.



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Sean Plummer

Canadians are proud of our hockey players. Maybe it's because many of us spent hours on the ice as kids, feeding the dream that we might one day play in the big leagues. And goals, normally so few and far between, punctuate that love and can become cherished cultural moments.

Certainly Canadians have scored some memorable ones. Take 1972's Summit Series in

Moscow between Teams Canada and Russia, where Paul Henderson scored "the goal heard around the world."

The teams would meet 15 years later and provide the amazing sight of Mario Lemieux taking a rush from Wayne Gretzky and roofing it into the Soviet net.

Marie-Philip Poulin secured Olympic gold for Team Canada at the 2014 Sochi Olympics, netting the winning goal in OT to defeat the U.S. 3-2.

Even pop star Justin Bieber has gotten in on the action, showing off his puck-handling skills at the NHL All-Star Game this past January and scoring an empty netter during the Celebrity Shootout. Hockey makes Beliebers of us all.



Team Canada's Paul Henderson lies sprawled out in front of the Russian net with a Soviet defenceman wrapped around his legs after scoring the winning goal in the 1972 Summit Series.

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Making a big splash

Sure, we have most of the Great Lakes (the greatest by far is the aptly named Lake Superior, which contains 10 per cent of the world's fresh water and has more water than all the other Great Lakes combined).

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Canada is home to as many as two million lakes, including Lake Louise in Banff. ISTOCK



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GOLF

Northern Ireland's idyllic courses are a golfer's dream

Brian Kendall
For Metro Canada



"Don't look up until you hear the ball dancing in the cup," my caddy whispered. "Make this and it'll be a fine thing to remember all your days."

My putt for an eagle three at the par-five ninth hole at Royal Portrush Golf Club was the most thrilling moment of a week-long tour of Northern Ireland's famous links courses, including Royal County Down, Portstewart and Ardglass.

Setting up nervously over my ball, I could almost feel the crash of the Atlantic against the towering sand cliffs that define this ruggedly beautiful and wind-blown stretch of coastline. Now largely free of the Troubles that once frightened tourists away, Northern Ireland is drawing record numbers of golfers to its more than 90 courses.

Anticipation is already building for the 2019 Open Championship at Royal Portrush, which will be the first Open hosted by the British province since Englishman Max Faulkner lifted the Claret Jug at this same course in 1951. As many as 200,000 visitors are expected at the biggest sporting event to ever be staged here in terms of prestige and global media



With the Irish Open set for summer and the Open Championship coming in 2019, Northern Ireland is one of the hottest destinations in golf. Left: Royal Portrush is home to one of the most challenging links courses in the world. Right: Portstewart Golf Club was founded in 1894 and redesigned in the 1920's. CONTRIBUTED

exposure.

And this summer Rory McIlroy will return to his native soil to defend his title at the European Tour's Dubai Duty Free Irish Open. Played at Portstewart Golf Club July 6-9, the tournament will showcase a magnificent — though sometimes underrated — north coast links that twists through massive sand dunes and alongside a tranquil estuary of the River Bann.

Outside Belfast, Northern Ireland is almost all green and

rolling countryside, with farms and villages linked by a spidery network of roads. Establish a base and you can reach almost any golf course within a couple of hours.

Absolutely not to be missed is Royal County Down, the iconic Old Tom Morris design set on a long sweep of Dundrum Bay, an hour's drive down the Irish Sea coastline from Belfast. Vast

swathes of gorse and heather line fairways that tumble through sand hills, while tussock-faced bunkers defend approach shots to subtly contoured greens.

Conveniently nearby is Ardglass Golf Club — a course I love more with each visit. Skirting the Irish Sea, Ardglass begins and ends in the middle of a fishing village once occupied by Vikings. Looming over this idyllic setting is the

world's oldest clubhouse, an imposing if slightly threadbare castle-like structure built in the 14th century.

Despite the stiff competition, it's 2019 Open host Royal Portrush that has naturally grabbed most of the attention. Two new holes are being built to accommodate huge tournament grandstands on a links that spills down a hillside to seaside cliffs in the north coast town of Portrush.

Royal Portrush's most famous hole is the 14th, Calamity Corner, a par three demanding a heroic carry to a cliff-top green.

But the defining moment of my trip came at the ninth, where not even three jittery putts that turned an eagle into a routine par could spoil a day of golf on one of the world's outstanding links.

For more golf stories, visit Brian's website at canadiangolftraveller.com

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"It's like every piece of shoreline is different and unique," says Dan Bevilacqua, executive director of Superior Country. "It goes for the communities as well."

There are the Ontario city splendours of Sault Ste. Marie or Blues Fest in Thunder Bay. At its most westerly point, travel Bob Dylan Way through a charming Duluth, Minn., near where the famed poet-singer hails.

In between, find out where a cub named Winnie-the-Pooh began a long journey to liter-

ary fame, check out the motel where pianist Glenn Gould would get away from it all, or take in the striking monument where a cancer-stricken Terry Fox gave up his one-legged trans-Canada run.

Stop and admire the revamped main street of Terrace Bay, or on the south shore — which Americans call the north shore — meander through picturesque Marquette or breeze past Christmas on Michigan's Upper Peninsula.

Mostly, however, it's about a lake that splits its sparkling waters between Canada and the United States. Indeed, as the largest of the Great Lakes, Superior offers seemingly boundless shoreline — log-strewn beaches, gentle river mouths, pristine sunbathing sands, rock cliffs and waterfall trails — all with oceanic vistas. In fact, it would be easy to confuse the greatest of the lakes for an ocean were it not for glass-clear water that on serene summer days makes for a bracing, salt-free swim.

At other time that water can turn ferocious — with steely-grey waves two or three storeys high. Moodiness and power both awesome and breath-taking. Stop and look out over where the Edmund Fitzgerald sank in a November gale in 1975 just a



Fractures in the bedrock at Aguasabon Falls and gorge near Terrace Bay, Ont. date back almost 2.6 billion years. THE CANADIAN PRESS

few kilometres from safety — a tragedy immortalized in song by Canadian singer-songwriting legend Gordon Lightfoot.

Getting a sense of scale is hard. At its longest, Lake Superior stretches some 560 kilometres as the eagle flies, abutting one province and three states. By some counts, if you poured

out its water, it would flood the entire continents of North and South America to a depth of 30 centimetres. The shoreline of twists and turns that runs to about 2,780 kilometres offers stunning views and unsurpassed magnificence — not to mention stupendous motorcycling or driving territory for the enthusiast.

Everywhere there are surprises, some steeped in indigenous history that traces back as far as 10,000 years, such as the Ojibwa pictographs at Agawa Rock. There is the delight of Old Woman Bay, where river meets lake, or places whose very names are the lure: Rabbit Blanket Lake, Pinguisibi Falls or Kakabeka Falls,

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nicknamed Niagara of the North.

Hunt or fish. Walk or cycle trails. Camp out in well-equipped provincial or federal parks, or stop at hotels, motels, inns or lodges along the way. But mostly, says Bevilacqua, talk to locals for their advice on what secret treasures their communities offer.

"There's lots of little hidden gems," says Bevilacqua, whose Superior Country not-for-profit puts out a Circle Tour guide full of ideas. This year, Superior Country has revived a "passport" program for both lake and auto travellers. Visitors can collect stamps along the way and, ultimately, a certificate of completion if they get all the way around.

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HOCKEY

Canada moves onto final after avenging loss, ousting Finland

World titles scarce lately for the Canadian women's hockey team, they have another chance to end the drought.

A 4-0 win over Finland on Thursday sent Canada to Friday's gold-medal game of the women's world championship.

Canada will face the winner of the other semifinal between defending champion United States and Germany.

The Canadians have now reached the final in all 18 women's championship dating back to the first in Ottawa in 1990. They've won gold 10 times.

But the Americans have beaten Canada in the final of seven of the last eight, including last year's 1-0 overtime victory in Kamloops, B.C.

Canada hasn't claimed gold since 2012 in Burlington, Vt. Over a third of the current team hasn't experienced that.

"It's hard to put into words, but we really want it," forward Brienne Jenner said. "It would mean a lot to a lot of us here."



Canada's Rebecca Johnston flattens Anna Kilponen of Finland on Thursday in Plymouth, Mich.

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WORLD'S Semifinals

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0 FINLAND

And with the 2018 Winter Olympics on the horizon, the Canadians want to reassert themselves as the best women's hockey country in the world.

"We're on a mission right now," Canadian captain Marie-

Philip Poulin said.

Poulin scored a goal and an assisted on another in the span of two and a half minutes as Canada led 3-0 after two periods Thursday.

Sarah Potomak, Emily Clark and Rebecca Johnston all scored their second goals of the tournament, while Shannon Szabados earned her second shutout with 23 saves.

Noora Raty stopped 31 of 35 shots for Finland, which beat Canada for the first time ever

4-3 in the preliminary round Saturday.

The Canadians were quicker to, and harder on, the puck Thursday than they'd been five days earlier.

"Even from before the drop of the puck, our girls were ready to go and ignited," head coach Laura Schuler said.

"I think today's game was important in our habit and our details and that's what we're going to have to bring tomorrow."

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NHL

Marchand gets two games for spearing

The Boston Bruins are going to be without leading scorer Brad Marchand for the rest of the regular season.

The Bruins forward who has 85 points (39 goals, 46 assists) was suspended two games by the NHL on Thursday for a spearing incident against Tampa Bay defenceman Jake Dotchin in a 4-0 Bruins win on Tuesday.

Boston, which clinched a berth in the Stanley Cup playoffs with that win, hosted Ottawa on Thursday night and will wrap up the regular season against Washington on Saturday.

Marchand was given a five-minute major penalty for spearing and a game misconduct at 19:20 of the first period Tuesday after he lifted his stick with force into Dotchin's groin area while battling in front of the Lightning net.

"It was definitely very, very selfish and undisciplined," Marchand said. "But you can't



Brad Marchand
GETTY IMAGES

do anything about it now, and the most important thing is we're in the playoffs and regardless of who we have to play, we have to do the job.

So a couple games here and we're still a very capable team on the ice. They won a huge game without me the other night and they're going to be ready to play regardless."

In issuing the suspension the league said in an explanatory video that Marchand's history affected its decision. Marchand was suspended four times for 12 games total prior to this punishment. He was also fined three times, including \$10,000 for slew-footing Detroit defenceman Niklas Kronwall in January.

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NHL vs. OLYMPICS



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Evgeni Malkin who said he wants to go to the Olympics next February and he hopes the Pittsburgh Penguins will allow him to do it.

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Hoffman enjoying four-stroke lead

Charley Hoffman has the largest first-round lead at Augusta National in 62 years.

Hoffman's 7-under 65 in windy conditions gives him a four-shot edge over William McGirt heading to Friday's second round of the Masters.

That's the largest since the 1955 Masters, when Jack Burke Jr. opened with 67 and was four shots ahead of Julius Boros and Mike Souchak.

But, in a reminder that the tournament is never won on Thursday, Burke followed with a 76 that turned his big lead into a six-shot deficit against Cary Middlecoff, who went on to capture the green jacket in a romp.

How tough were the conditions in the opening round of the Masters?

Only 11 players broke par



Dustin Johnson
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Thursday.

It's the fewest players to break par in the first round of the Masters since only nine managed to do it in 2007.

Lee Westwood shot 70 and eight other players are at 71, a group that includes Phil Mickelson, Justin Rose, Jason Dufner and Sergio Garcia.

Meanwhile, Dustin Johnson was forced to withdraw before his 2:03 p.m. tee time. The world's No. 1-ranked player suffered a lower back injury less than 24 hours earlier in a freak fall at the home he was renting for the week.

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IN BRIEF

Brazil tops FIFA rankings

Brazil has taken over at the top of the FIFA rankings for the first time since 2010.

After losing Lionel Messi to a four-match ban, Argentina lost 2-0 at Bolivia last week and dropped to No. 2. World Cup winner Germany is still No. 3, followed by Chile and Colombia. South American teams tallied more ranking points last month by playing two World Cup qualifiers. European teams played one.

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Canada's Gushue first seed in playoffs after beating Italy

Canada's Brad Gushue is the first to admit his St. John's side is not known as a high-scoring team. You wouldn't know it by looking at the scoresheet at the Ford World Men's Curling Championship.

The unbeaten skip locked up the first seed in the playoffs Thursday by posting his seventh straight rout in Edmonton. Gushue's latest victory was a 9-2 romp over Italy's Joel Retornaz.

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Canuck Cote on card for Cormier vs. Rumble

MMA

Montreal vet, 37, will fight Brazil's Thiago Alves at UFC 210

At 37, Patrick Cote still enjoys climbing into a cage to fight.

"For sure, if not I'd probably be at my home now drinking wine and having a barbecue," the Montreal MMA veteran said with a laugh. "This is why I'm still here. Because I'm still enjoying it."

"I don't make all those sacrifices — diet, the training, the injuries, leaving home every morning, leaving my little girl behind to get into the gym two, three times a day — if I'm not having fun and not enjoying it."

Cote (24-10-0) returns to action Saturday night after a 10-month absence to take on American-based Brazilian Thiago (Pitbull) Alves (26-11-0) in a welterweight bout on the main card of UFC 210 in Buffalo. It's Cote's first fight since being dominated by Donald (Cowboy) Cerrone last June in Ottawa.

It's also the first of four fights on what he says is his last UFC contract.

Daniel (DC) Cormier defends his light-heavyweight title against No. 1 challenger Anthony (Rumble) Johnson in the main event at the KeyBank Center. Former middleweight champion Chris (The All-American) Weidman, currently ranked fourth



Patrick Cote, right, defeats Ben Saunders during UFC Fight Night 81 last year in Boston. MADDIE MEYER/GETTY IMAGE

THE NOTORIOUS M&M

It's not yet a sure thing but the once-scooped-at boxing match between Floyd Mayweather Jr. and Conor McGregor can still become a reality. Nevada Athletic Commission executive director Bob Bennett said in an interview with MMAfighting.com on Thursday that Mayweather vs. McGregor in boxing would be an "approvable" bout. More to come. METRO

among 185-pound contenders, takes on No. 5 Gegard Mousasi in the co-main event.

Cote, who made his UFC debut in 2004, is an athlete who has long planned his exit strategy from his gruelling sport. When not fighting, he does

French-language commentary for UFC events and serves as an MMA analyst on Quebec TV and radio.

A Canadian army veteran, Cote also works with the military on close-combat instruction. In addition, he is an ath-



I don't want to fight until I'm 40.

Patrick Cote

letes' mentor for the Canadian Olympic Committee and has a real estate company.

"I don't want to fight until 40," he said.

"We'll see if I'm going to finish that contract," he added. "But you know what, I'm well-prepared to take my retirement when the time comes. But like I said, I'm still enjoying it. I still think that I have a couple of good fights in me. But when the time comes, I'm not going to make the fight I'm not supposed to."

Cote has always been a smart fighter, one who realized when he had to change up his game or drop from middleweight (185 pounds) to welterweight (he is 5-2-0 since dropping to 170 pounds).

But the Cerrone fight was ill-advised, at least in hindsight. The prickly lightweight-turned-welterweight floored Cote twice, took him down twice and had a 73-46 edge in significant strikes when the bout was stopped midway through the third round.

"He's one of the best fighters in the world so ... when you are not at your best, you're going to pay the price and that is exactly what happened," Cote said.

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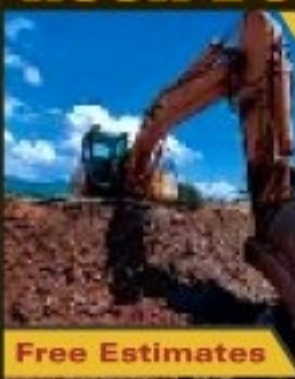
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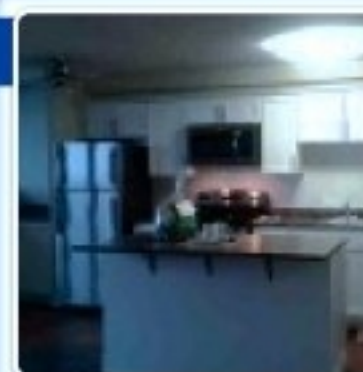
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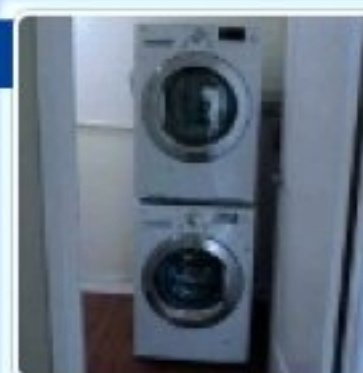
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- 1/2 tsp salt
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1. Preheat the oven to 350.
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3. Place apples in the warm skillet and stir in lemon juice, flour, sugar, cinnamon and ginger.
4. For topping, combine flour, oats, flax meal, salt and nutmeg in a bowl. Pour in warm coconut oil and, using your hands, work it through the oat mixture until it has small clumps. Take handfuls of the oat mixture and sprinkle across the apples in an even layer, lightly pat it down. Bake for 40 to 45 minutes or until apples are bubbling and fork tender.

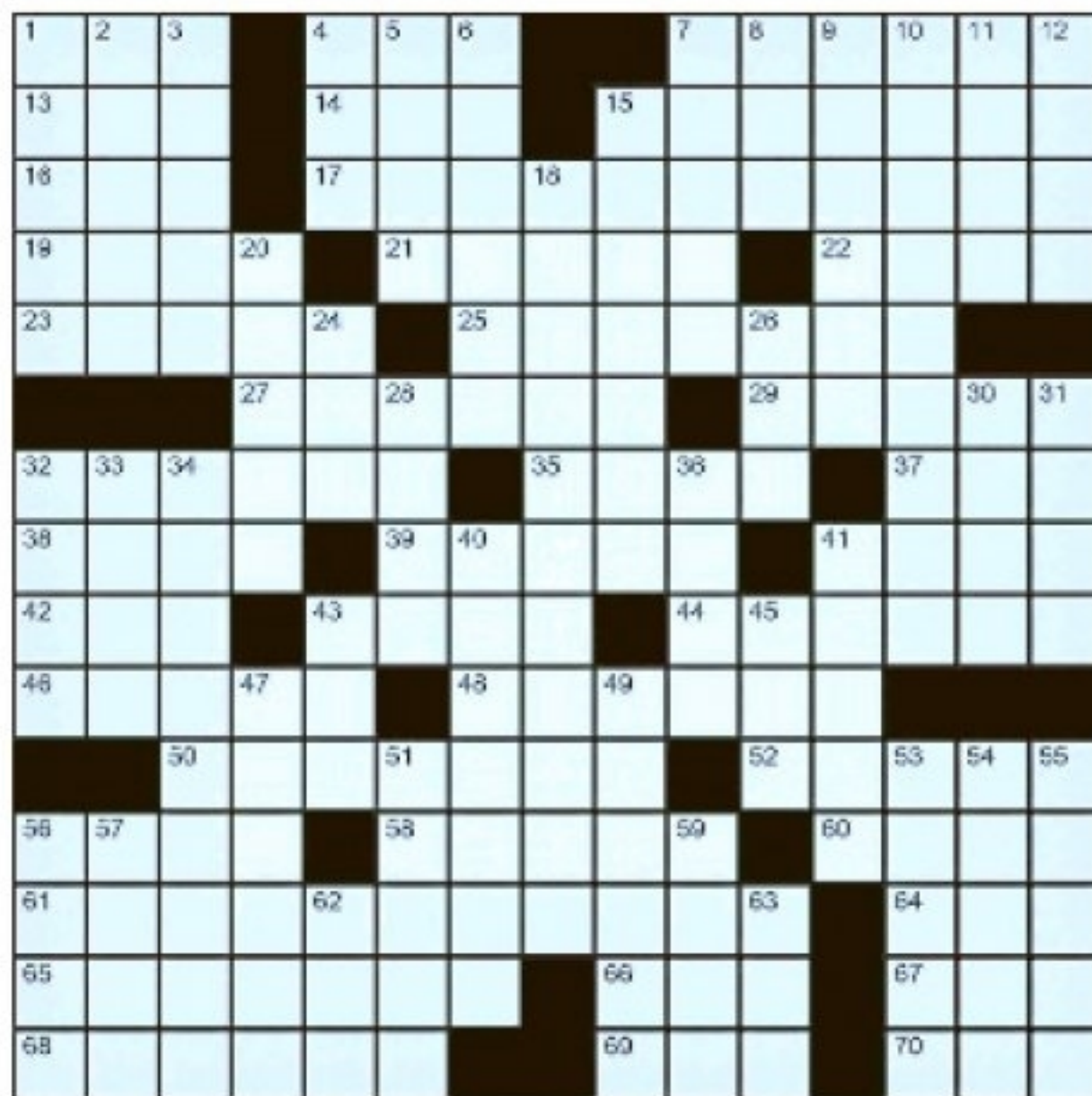
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Aries March 21 - April 20
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Taurus April 21 - May 21
Today you feel quietly confident and content with yourself. Success at your job is starting to show, and you know that despite recent obstacles, you can pull this off.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
You feel popular today — and indeed, you are. People are attracted to your positive attitude and exuberance. Naturally, it's because enthusiasm is contagious!

Cancer June 22 - July 23
This is an excellent day to talk to bosses, parents and VIPs, because everyone is in a positive and winning frame of mind. That makes them see you in a good light. Go for it!

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
You are entertaining big travel ideas today, because you feel the need to get away from all this. You want to go somewhere where life is big and you're thrilled to be there. Do it.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
You are confident when negotiating wills, inheritances or anything regarding shared property. You won't sell yourself short, and you also will be fair with others

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Relationships with partners and close friends are uplifting and fun-filled today. This is a great day to enjoy schmoozing with others, because you're in a good mood. It's just that simple.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You can accomplish a lot at work today simply because you know you can. Confidence in doing something is the bottom line to making it happen.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
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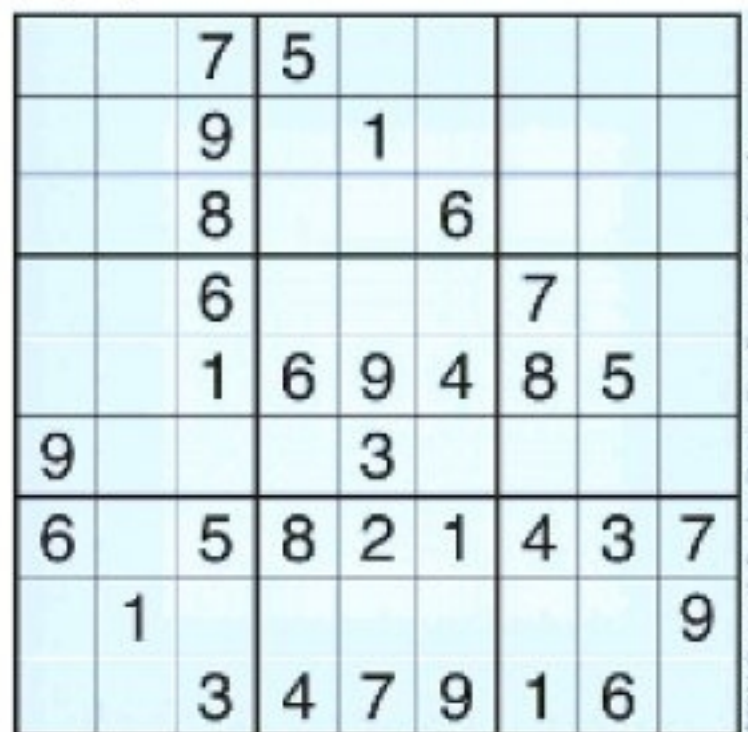
Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
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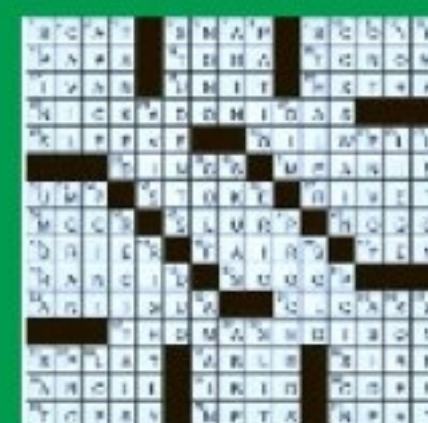
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